

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/US 95/01466

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 6 A61F2/06

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 10-18, 43-49, 88-90
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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